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NADH Regeneration

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A copy of PCT/EP2003/008631 as filed on August 5, 2003, and 1. naming as inventor(s):

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the application comprising:

- 29 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-29), 3 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 30-32), a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 33), and 7 Sheets of Formal Drawings (numbered as pages 34-40);
- 2. A "Marked-up" version of the Substitute Specification (35 pages);
- 3. A "Clean" copy of the Substitute Specification (31 pages);
- 4. Petition for Entry of Substitute Specification (2 pages);
- 5. Preliminary Amendment (5 pages);
- 6. A copy of the PCT Request (5 pages);
- 7. A copy of the PCT application, as published (40 pages);
- 8. A copy of the International Search Report (4 pages);
- 9. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (1 page);
- 10. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (1 page);
- 11. A copy of PCT/IB/304, Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of the Priority Document (1 page);
- 12. A copy of PCT/IB/306, Notification of the Recording of a Change correcting the name of inventor Shukrallah Náamnieh (1 page);
- 13. A copy of PCT/IB/308, Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices (1 page); and
- 14. Two (2) return postcards.

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This application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2003/008631, which had an international filing date of August 5, 2003. The international application claims priority to German application 102 40 603.0, filed on September 3, 2002. The present application claims priority to these previously filed counterparts and incorporates them by reference.

The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(c) without Declaration.

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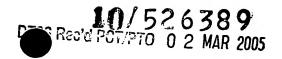
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